

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1132 without my signature

Repealing the mandatory 30-day impoundment period for vehicles that law enforcement seizes because the driver does not have a valid driver's license would endanger public safety. By requiring the impounding agency to release the vehicle to the owner upon request fails to address the problem the author states he would like to solve, vehicles impounded due to joy riding.

AB 1132 severely weakens a law, which has been proven an effective measure to discourage unlicensed drivers from driving and to deter vehicle owners from irresponsibly lending their vehicle to an unlicensed driver. Enacting this measure would send a message to unlicensed drivers that it is acceptable to break the law by driving because the consequences for their actions have been eliminated. Given the existing law contains many reasonable exceptions where an owner may retrieve a vehicle from impoundment before the end of the 30-day impoundment period, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger